

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 11 are pending.

Claims 1 – 11 are subject to restriction.

No claims have been amended.

REMARKS

Restriction of claims 1-11

The Examiner has required restriction to Group I (claims 3 – 11) or Group II (claims 1 – 2).

The requirement for restriction is respectfully traversed.

Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group I (Claims 3 – 11).

The Examiner states that the device of Group I can be fabricated with a different method other than the method recited in Group II or vice versa. The Examiner also states that Group I is classified in Class 257, subclass 194, and that Group II is classified in class 438, subclass 167.

Restriction is believed not to be proper between the invention of Group I and the invention of Group II in this application for the reason that the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. See MPEP §803.01. In fact, the search and examination of the process of Group II and the device of Group I in this application may be made without serious burden. For example, the fields of search of the process and the device may overlap. For the

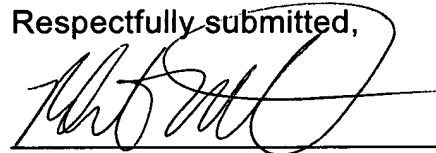
foregoing reasons, the requirement of restriction between Group I and Group II is respectfully traversed.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, Applicant believes he has traversed the restriction requirement, and respectfully requests that claims 1 – 11 be substantively examined.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

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